

Please do not allow media consolidation

I am writing regarding "The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast mediaownership rules", Docket No. 02-277. I urge you to retain all of the current media ownership rules. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power the large companies in the broadcast industry.

Our nation is founded on the ability to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

The proposed rule changes will injure our democracy. The Commission should take time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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